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TO: Administrative Presiding Justices
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FROM: Hon. Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of California
William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts

DATE: September 11, 2001, approximately 5:00 p.m.

SUBJECT/ PURPOSE OF MEMO: Judicial Emergency Orders and Today's Events

This follows up on the memorandum that we sent to you at approximately 1:30 p.m. today.

As indicated in the memorandum sent to you earlier today, I have issued the attached Order allowing for limited court closures, time extensions, and other action, pursuant to Government Code section 68115 and the inherent authority of the Judicial Branch and the Chief Justice and Chairperson of the Judicial Council.

In response to our conversations with his office, the Governor has moved quickly to proclaim a state of emergency relating to the operation of the courts and permitting certain provisions of Government Code section 68115 to be invoked by the Chief Justice and Chairperson of the Judicial Council. **With the issuance of the Governor's Emergency Proclamation, this Order does extend the periods for arraignments on felonies, and for detention hearings and jurisdictional hearings for minors charged with a felony, pursuant to Government Code sections 68115(f), (i), and (j).**

Each court that exercises any of the authority granted in this Order must fax a request for an emergency order to the Administrative Director of the Courts by September 18, 2001 at 415-865-7664. Although the request can be submitted after the court takes the actions

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permitted by this Order, the request should set forth the conditions warranting the actions taken.

We recognize that the recent events have presented extraordinary conditions, and we appreciate all of your efforts to ensure the orderly operations of the courts. While the attached Order allows for court closures and time extensions, the authority granted should be exercised only where absolutely required due to the effects of today's calamity in your jurisdiction.

If you need any additional assistance, please contact Bill Vickrey or Ron Overholt at 415-865-4235, or Michael Bergeisen at 415-865-7662.

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cc: Members of the Judicial Council
Michael Bergeisen, General Counsel